## **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## **Assessment Grant**

\$504,000

EPA has selected the Southern Indiana Development Commission for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and 11 Phase II environmental site assessments and develop six cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to inventory and prioritize sites and conduct community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the communities of Washington in Daviess County, Vincennes in Knox County, and Bedford in Lawrence County, all of which include Qualified Opportunity Zones. Priority sites include a 10-acre site with a history of gas pump and refrigerant manufacturing in Washington; a 1.9-acre former industrial solvents warehouse in Vincennes; and a 4-acre site containing deteriorating structures and approximately eight 8,000 gallon tanks reported to contain fuel and solvents in Bedford. Coalition partners are the Counties of Daviess, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, and Martin.

## **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 5 Brownfields Team (312) 353-2112 EPA Region 5 Brownfields Web site (https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-illinois-ind iana-michigan-minnesota-ohio-and)

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